THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Under the present policy of partial control, monthly allocations of levy sugar to most of the States/Union Territories are being made on uniform norms of ensuring 425 kms. per capita monthly availability for the projected population as on 1-10-1986. These norms are effective from 1-2-1987. Accordingly, about 3.35 lakh tonnes of levy sugar is being allocated on a monthly basis for distribution under the Public Distribution System for the entire country. In addition to the above, Government releases about one lakh tonnes of levy-sugar per annum as festival quota, which is allocated to the States|Union Territories in proportion to their monthly allocations. On the above basis, the levy sugar allocation for Madhya Pradesh (for 5.89 crores population as on 1-10-1986) is as under:—

(i) Monthly quata	25031	MTs.
(ii) Festival quota	7536	MTs.

(c) The population of Madhya Pradesh has been projected at 6.50 crores as on 1-10-1991.

(d) The Government has not increased the levy sugar quota of Madhya Pradesh on the basis of increase in population due to limited availability of levy sugar. However, Government had allowed 5 per cent ad-hoc increase in the monthly allocations of all States|Union Territories from August, 1991 in view of the then increased availability of sugar. The share of Madhya Pradesh was 1252 Metric Tonnes. This 5 per cent ad-hoc increase of all States|Union Territories has been withdrawn from April, 1994 due to limited availability of levy sugar and also due to fall in production of sugar in 1992-93 and 1993-94 sugar season.

(e) In the recent past no demand has been received from Madhya Pradesh Government to enhance the levy sugar quota.

(f) In view of the limited availability of levy sugar, it will not be possible at present to increase the levy sugar allocations to provide for the population increase between 1986 and 1991.

Procurement of wheat by FCI

6072. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India is going to launch an ambitious plan for wheat procurement for the current Rabi season to keep up the public distribution system in top gear;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this year's procurement will be lesser than previous year procurement and the amount of subsidy which has been granted to the Food Corporation of India for public distribution system has also been reduced this year as compared to the previous year;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons for reduction in the procurement and the amount of subsidy granted this year in comparison to the previous year; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to cover up the shortfall in procurement and subsidy during the ensuring Kharif season or next Rabi season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Food Corporation of India in collaboration with State Governments/State procuring agencies has started procuring wheat from 1st April, 1994 in the current Rabi Marketing Season 1994-95 through about 8000 purchase centres at the Minimum Support Price of Rs. 350/- per quintal.

(c) to (c) A quantity of 53.52 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured by

public procuring agencies for Central Pool upto 30-4-94 as compared to 46.64 lakh tonnes procured during the corresponding period last year.

Since the procurement of wheat under price support scheme is totally on a voluntary basis, no estimate of the quantity of procurement is possible at this stage.

Rs. 5537 crores has been paid-released to FCI by the Government as food subsidy during financial year 1993-94. A provision of Rs. 4000 crores has been made in the budget estimates for the year 1994-95 on the account Clearance of past arrears of food subsidy during 1993-94 has resulted in release of higher amount of food subsidy in 1993-94.

The final amount of food subsidy depends on the quantum of foodgrains procured for Central Pool at Minimum Support Prices/procurement prices and their lifting by the State Governments/Union Territories.

Problems of FCI employees in Orissa

6073. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems of the employees of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Orissa;

(b) whether there has been shortage of staff in different branches of FCI in that State;

(c) if so, the steps taken to appoint adequate number of staff for the smooth functioning of the work of FCI;

(d) whether any new branch of FCI is proposed to be set up in that State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Zonal Manager (East) has been advised to transfer some of the staff from other regions of the zone to Orissa Region. A decision has also been taken to review the workload of Orissa Region.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

केंद्रीय भाण्डागार निगम के गोदामों को निजी कम्पनियों को किराए पर देना

6074. **श्री शारदा महन्ती :**
श्री सोमपाल :

क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय भांडागार निगम ने निजी कम्पनियों को अपने गोदाम किराए पर देने हेतु हाल ही में कोई योजना बनाई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसकी क्या रूपरेखा है;

(ग) अभी तक ऐसे कितने सौदे किये गये हैं और ये सौदे किन-किन कम्पनियों के साथ किये गये हैं;

(घ) इस संबंध में किन-किन निबंधनों और शर्तों पर सहमति हुई है; और

(ङ) इस महत्वपूर्ण सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रम की नीति में ऐसे आधारभूत परिवर्तन करने के क्या कारण हैं ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय) : (क) से (ङ) भाण्डागारण निगम अधिनियम, 1962 के अधीन, केन्द्रीय भण्डारण निगम द्वारा अपने गोदामों को किन्हीं निजी कम्पनियों को किराए पर देने का कोई प्रावधान नहीं है। केन्द्रीय भण्डारण निगम के गोदाम कम्पनियों, किसानों, वाणिज्यिक संस्थाओं, व्यापारियों आदि द्वारा अपने उत्पादों का